

Examenul de bacalaureat 2012

Proba C
de evaluare a competențelor lingvistice într-o limbă de circulație internațională
studiată pe parcursul învățământului liceal

Proba scrisă la Limba engleză

Toate filierele, profilurile și specializările/ calificările

MODEL

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.
- Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 120 de minute.

ÎNȚELEGEREA TEXTULUI CITIT

SUBIECTUL I (40 de puncte)

Read the text below. Are the sentences 1-5 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B)? If there is not enough information to answer 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B), choose 'Doesn't say' (C). Write your answers on your exam sheet.

Seventeen-year-old Herui Alemayhu came to the United States from Ethiopia two years ago. The teen was excited for a chance to live in a different country, but afraid of how he'd adapt to an American high school. "Making friends was the hardest part for me, I don't like to be lonely or anything, so I was so scared about making friends," Alemayhu said.

Teenage life in America is hard regardless of where a kid lives, but for immigrants the transition to high school can be the most challenging. Besides learning a new language, immigrant teenagers have to make friends, and adjust to the different technology that is used in American schools. "There's a lot of hi-tech stuff here," Alemayhu said.

"The biggest problem for teens I think is on one side they are still attached to the culture of their parents," said Bob Ponichtera, executive director and founder of Liberty's Promise. "We have a lot of sympathy for the parents too because they left everything they had to come here."

Ponichtera's grandparents were immigrants that came here from Italy at the turn of the last century. They worked in factories to provide a better life for his parents. His father, in turn, started his own business and was able to send Ponichtera to Yale University.

Most of the students agreed that their moms and dads made those sacrifices to provide a better life for them. "America is good and it's full of opportunity that we didn't have in Africa. I really like being here and it feels good," Charles said.

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| 1. Herui Alemayhu has been in the USA for three years. | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't say |
| 2. Herui lives in New York. | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't say |
| 3. Transition to high school can be difficult. | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't say |
| 4. Bob Ponichtera comes from a family of Spanish immigrants. | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't say |
| 5. The problem for immigrants is that they don't know much about their new country. | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't say |

SUBIECTUL al II-lea

(60 de puncte)

Read the text below. For questions 1-10, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text. Write your answers on your exam sheet.

The Importance of Friends

Your relationships with friends become especially important during the teen years. Friendships are relationships between people who like each other and who have similar interests and values. Good friendships generally begin when people realise that they have common experiences, goals, and values.

Each person must also show a willingness to reach out, to listen, and to care about the needs of the other person. Forming strong friendships is an important part of social health. To make new friends, get involved in activities at school or in the community. For example, join a school club or volunteer at a local youth group. When you participate in activities that you enjoy, you're likely to meet others who share your interests.

A friend is much more than an acquaintance, someone you see occasionally or know casually. Your relationship with a friend is deeper and means more to you. Although there is no accepted test for friendship, most people whom you call friends will have the following qualities:

- **Trustworthiness.** Good friends are there for you when you need support. They are honest with you, they keep their promises, and they don't reveal your secrets. Good friends live up to your realistic expectations. If necessary, these friends would be willing to make sacrifices for you.

- **Caring.** Good friends listen carefully when you want to talk. They try to understand how you feel. In fact, they empathize with you when you have strong feelings such as joy, sadness, or disappointment. Friends don't just recognize your strengths and talents—they tell you about them and help you develop them. Caring friends might try to help you overcome your weaknesses, but they accept you as you are. They don't hold **grudges** and can forgive you if you make a mistake.

- **Respect.** Good friends will not ask you to do anything that is wrong or dangerous or pressure you if you refuse. They respect your beliefs because they respect you. They also understand that your opinions may be different from theirs, and they realize that this is healthy. Because you and your good friends usually share similar values, they will not expect you to betray those values. If friends disagree, they are willing to compromise, which means to give up something in order to reach a solution that satisfies everyone.

Most of your friends are probably your peers—people close to your age who are similar to you in many ways. You may be concerned about what your peers think of you, how they react to you, and whether they accept you. Their opinions can affect your ideas of how you should think and act. This is called peer pressure—the influence that people your age have on you to think and act like them.

People of all ages want to be well liked by their peers. You, too, probably would like to be popular. Remember, however, that just being popular isn't enough. You also want your peers to respect you—to hold you in high regard because of your responsible behaviour.

(adapted from *Teen Health*, 2005)

1. The age when one starts to find friends important is
 - A. at about 15.
 - B. at about 8.
 - C. at about 20.
 - D. at about 50.
2. In order to become good friends, two people should
 - A. have common acquaintances.
 - B. have common relatives.
 - C. have common aims.
 - D. have nothing in common.

3. In order to have friends a person should
 - A. listen to music as much as possible.
 - B. care about poor people.
 - C. care about the environment.
 - D. listen to others and care about them.
4. One way of making friends is
 - A. going to school on a regular basis.
 - B. taking part in group activities.
 - C. setting up your own club.
 - D. doing things even if you don't enjoy them.
5. An untrustworthy friend is one who
 - A. is hardly reliable.
 - B. likes keeping secrets.
 - C. does not break a promise.
 - D. expects too little from you.
6. Good friends who listen to you and share your feelings are
 - A. caring.
 - B. careful.
 - C. careless.
 - D. hopeful.
7. Empathic friends also
 - A. consider you too weak.
 - B. always praise your talents.
 - C. try to develop your strong points.
 - D. try to develop your weak points.
8. **Grudges** in paragraph 5 means:
 - A. dislikes.
 - B. fights.
 - C. favours.
 - D. faults.
9. Persons who respect you as a friend
 - A. will expect you to be always healthy.
 - B. will try to convince you that their opinion is the right one.
 - C. will accept that you may see things differently.
 - D. will expect you to often change your set of values.
10. According to the article, peer pressure makes you
 - A. steal from your friends.
 - B. avoid going out with.
 - C. listen to your friends.
 - D. imitate your friends.

PRODUCEREA DE MESAJE SCRISE

SUBIECTUL I

(40 de puncte)

You have received the following letter from your English penfriend:

*I'm really pleased we're soon going on a trip together in Moldova. Let me know what things I should take with me, since I don't know much about the climate and the area. Also, where will we be staying?
Much love,
Vivian*

Write your letter of reply to your penfriend (around 80-100 words).

SUBIECTUL al II-lea

(60 de puncte)

Some people say that advertising encourages us to buy things we do not need. Write an opinion essay to enlarge upon your position.

Write your essay in 180-200 words.